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Dear Coroner:

The Division of Forensic Science, in conjunction with the Montana Coroners Association, is pleased to announce that as of July 1, 1981, a 24 hour consultation service for all coroners throughout the State will be initiated.

As discussed and approved at the recent Coroners Association meeting in Helena, it is felt that by providing this service, the State and the Association hope to insure that all coroners and their communities are given adequate help in death investigation.

The introduction of this service is supported by statute, 46-4-103(2) Code of Montana, under Autopsy, which states, "a full record of the facts found shall be made on a form provided by the Division of Forensic Science in triplicate, the coroners and medical examiner retaining one copy and delivering one copy to the county attorney".

A secretary, or answering machine after working hours, is available to the coroner to dictate an investigative report. The number to be used for this service is 728-4970. A guideline is enclosed for reporting the death. The Division will transcribe any death investigation report and send the original to the coroner and a copy to the county attorney. While the statute requires the reporting of only those deaths which require an autopsy, the Division will type and review any case the coroner wishes to report.

A copy of the completed autopsy protocol should follow the report as soon as possible. The State Medical Examiner or his designated appointee will review all reports and protocols as they are received.

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The timely communication of a medical-legal death between the coroner and the Division of Forensic Science will insure provision of proper laboratory and pathological services to the community.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to successfully institute this service.

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JULY 1981

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